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COMPOSITION FOR THE OXIDATION DYEING OF KERATINOUS
FIBERS CONTAINING A LACCASE AND DYEING METHOD USING
THIS COMPOSITION

The subject of the invention is a composition
5 for the oxidation dyeing of keratinous fibers and in
particular human keratinous fibers such as hair,
comprising, in a medium appropriate for dyeing, 3-
methyl-4-aminophenol as oxidation base and at least one
enzyme of laccase type, and the dyeing method using
10 this composition.

It is known to dye keratinous fibers, and in
particular human hair, with dyeing compositions
containing precursors for oxidation dyeing, in
particular ortho- and para-phenylenediamines, ortho- or
15 para-aminophenols, heterocyclic bases generally called
oxidation bases. The precursors for oxidation dyeing
(oxidation bases) are colorless or weakly colored
compounds which, combined with oxidizing products, can
give rise to dye and colored compounds by a process of --
20 oxidative condensation.

It is also known that the shades obtained
with these oxidation bases can be varied by combining
them with couplers or color modifiers, the latter being
chosen in particular from aromatic meta-diamines, meta-
25 aminophenols, meta-diphenols and certain heterocyclic
compounds.

The variety of molecules used in oxidation bases and couplers allows a rich palette of colors to be obtained.

The so-called "permanent" color obtained by 5 means of these oxidation dyes should moreover satisfy a number of requirements. Thus, it should have no drawbacks from the toxicological point of view, it should make it possible to obtain shades of the desired intensity and it should exhibit good resistance toward 10 external agents (light, adverse weather conditions, washing, permanent waving, perspiration, rubbing).

The dyes should also make it possible to cover gray hair, and thus should be the least selective possible, that is to say they should make it possible 15 to obtain the smallest possible differences in color all along the same keratinous fiber, which may indeed be differently sensitized (i.e. damaged) between its tip and its root.

The oxidation dyeing of keratinous fibers is 20 generally carried out in an alkaline medium, in the presence of hydrogen peroxide. However, the use of alkaline media in the presence of hydrogen peroxide has the disadvantage of causing substantial degradation of the fibers, as well as decoloring of the keratinous 25 fibers which is not always desirable.

The oxidation dyeing of keratinous fibers can also be carried out with the aid of oxidizing systems different from hydrogen peroxide such as enzymatic

systems. Thus, it has already been proposed in Patent US 3,251,742, Patent Applications FR-A-2,112,549, FR-A-2,694,018, EP-A-0,504,005, WO95/07988, WO95/33836, WO95/33837, WO96/00290, WO97/19998 and WO97/19999 to 5 dye keratinous fibers with compositions comprising at least [lacuna] oxidation dye, or at least one melanin precursor, in combination with enzymes of the laccase type, said compositions being brought into contact with atmospheric oxygen. These dyeing formulations, although 10 used under conditions which do not cause degradation of the keratinous fibers comparable to that caused by dyeings carried out in the presence of hydrogen peroxide, lead to colors which are still inadequate both from the point of view of homogeneity of the color 15 distributed along the fiber (unison), from the point of view of chromaticity (luminosity) and of the dyeing power.

In point of fact, the Applicant Company has now just discovered that it is possible to obtain novel 20 dyes, which are capable of resulting in powerful colorings without causing significant degradation of the keratinous fibers, which exhibit low selectivity and which exhibit good resistance to various attacks to which the fibers may be subjected, by combining 3- 25 methyl-4-aminophenol, as oxidation base, and at least one enzyme of laccase type.

This discovery forms the basis of the present invention.

The first subject of the invention is therefore a ready-to-use composition for the oxidation dyeing of keratinous fibers and in particular human keratinous fibers such as hair, which comprises, in a 5 medium appropriate for dyeing:

- 3-methyl-4-aminophenol and/or at least one of its addition salts with an acid, as oxidation base, and
- at least one enzyme of laccase type.

The ready-to-use dyeing composition in 10 accordance with the invention results in powerful colorings which exhibit low selectivity and excellent properties of resistance both with respect to atmospheric agents, such as light and bad weather, and with respect to perspiration and various treatments to 15 which the hair may be subjected (washing, permanent deformation).

The subject of the invention is also a method for the oxidation dyeing of keratinous fibers using this ready-to-use dyeing composition.

20 3-Methyl-4-aminophenol and/or its addition salt(s) with an acid preferably represent from 0.0005 to 12% approximately of the total weight of the dyeing composition in accordance with the invention and still more preferably from 0.005 to 6% by weight
25 approximately of this weight.

The laccase(s) used in the ready-to-use dye composition in accordance with the invention may be chosen in particular from laccases of plant origin,

animal origin, fungal origin (yeasts, molds, fungi) or bacterial origin, organisms which may be of mono- or pluricellular origin. The laccase(s) used in the ready-to-use dyeing composition in accordance with the

5 invention can also be obtained by biotechnology.

Among the laccases of plant origin which can be used according to the invention, there may be mentioned the laccases produced by plants which perform chlorophyll synthesis such as those indicated in Patent

10 Application FR-A-2,694,018.

There may be mentioned, in particular, the laccases present in the extracts of Anacardiaceae such as for example the extracts of *Magnifera indica*, *Schinus molle* or *Pleiogynium timoriense*, in the

15 extracts of Podocarpaceae, *Rosmarinus off.*, *Solanum tuberosum*, *Iris sp.*, *Coffea sp.*, *Daucus carota*, *Vinca minor*, *Persea americana*, *Catharenthus roseus*, *Musa sp.*, *Malus pumila*, *Gingko biloba*, *Monotropa hypopithys* (Indian pipe), *Aesculus sp.*, *Acer pseudoplatanus*,

20 *Prunus persica* and *Pistacia palaestina*.

Among the laccases of fungal origin optionally obtained by biotechnology which can be used according to the invention, there may be mentioned the laccase(s) derived from *Polyporus versicolor*,

25 *Rhizoctonia praticola* and *Rhus vernicifera* such as described, for example, in Patent Applications FR-A-2,112,549 and EP-A-504005, the laccases described in Patent Applications WO95/07988, WO95/33836,

WO95/33837, WO96/00290, WO97/19998 and WO97/19999,
whose content is an integral part of the present
description, such as for example the laccase(s) derived
from *Scytalidium*, *Polyporus pinsitus*, *Myceliophthora*
5 *thermophila*, *Rhizoctonia solani*, *Pyricularia orizae*, or
variants thereof. There may also be mentioned the
laccase(s) derived from *Trametes versicolor*, *Fomes*
fomentarius, *Chaetomium thermophile*, *Neurospora crassa*,
Coriolus versicolor, *Botrytis cinerea*, *Rigidoporus*
10 *lignosus*, *Phellinus noxius*, *Pleurotus ostreatus*,
Aspergillus nidulans, *Podospora anserina*, *Agaricus*
bisporus, *Ganoderma lucidum*, *Glomerella cingulata*,
Lactarius piperatus, *Russula delica*, *Heterobasidion*
annosum, *Thelephora terrestris*, *Cladosporium*
15 *cladosporioides*, *Cerrena unicolor*, *Coriolus hirsutus*,
Ceriporiopsis subvermispora, *Coprinus cinereus*,
Panaeolus papilionaceus, *Panaeolus sphinctrinus*,
Schizophyllum commune, *Dichomitus squalens* and
variants thereof.

20 The laccases of fungal origin optionally
obtained by biotechnology will be preferably chosen.

The enzymatic activity of the laccases used
in accordance with the invention and which have
syringaldazine among their substrates can be defined
25 from the oxidation of syringaldazine under aerobic
conditions. The Lacu unit corresponds to the quantity
of enzyme catalyzing the conversion of 1 mmol of
syringaldazine per minute at a pH of 5.5 and at a

temperature of 30°C. The unit U corresponds to the quantity of enzyme producing a delta absorbance of 0.001 per minute, at a wavelength of 530 nm, using syringaldazine as substrate, at 30°C and at a pH of 5 6.5. The enzymatic activity of the laccases of the invention can also be defined from the oxidation of para-phenylenediamine. The ulac unit corresponds to the quantity of enzyme producing a delta absorbance of 0.001 per minute, at a wavelength of 496.5 nm, using 10 para-phenylenediamine as substrate (64 mM) at 30°C and at a pH of 5.

According to the invention, it is preferable to determine the enzymatic activity in ulac units.

According to a preferred embodiment, the 15 dyeing composition in accordance with the invention also contains one or more couplers, so as to modify or to enrich with highlights the shades obtained by using 3-methyl-4-aminophenol.

The couplers which can be used in the dyeing 20 composition in accordance with the invention can be chosen from the couplers conventionally used in oxidation dyeing and among which may in particular be mentioned meta-phenylenediamines, meta-aminophenols, meta-diphenols and heterocyclic couplers.

25 These couplers are chosen more particularly from 2-methyl-5-aminophenol, 5-N-(β-hydroxyethyl)amino-2-methylphenol, 3-aminophenol, 1,3-dihydroxybenzene, 1,3-dihydroxy-2-methylbenzene, 4-chloro-1,3-dihydroxy-

benzene, 2,4-diamino-1-(β -hydroxyethoxy)benzene,
2-amino-4-N-(β -hydroxyethyl)amino-1-methoxybenzene,
1,3-diaminobenzene, 1,3-bis(2,4-diaminophenoxy)propane,
sesamol, α -naphthol, 6-hydroxyindole, 4-hydroxyindole,
5 4-hydroxy-N-methylindole, 6-hydroxyindoline,
2,6-dihydroxy-4-methylpyridine, 1-H-3-methylpyrazole-5-one,
1-phenyl-3-methylpyrazole-5-one, 2,6-dimethyl-pyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole, 2,6-dimethyl[3,2-c]-1,2,4-triazole, 6-methylpyrazolo[1,5-a]benzimidazole,
10 and their addition salts with an acid.

When they are present, the coupler(s) preferably represent from 0.0001 to 8% by weight approximately of the total weight of the dyeing composition, and still more preferably from 0.005 to 5%
15 by weight approximately of this weight.

The dyeing composition in accordance with the invention can also contain, in addition to the 3-methyl-4-aminophenol and/or its addition salts with an acid, at least one additional oxidation base which can
20 be chosen from oxidation bases conventionally used for oxidation dyeing. They can be chosen in particular from para-phenylenediamines, double bases, para-aminophenols, ortho-aminophenols and heterocyclic oxidation bases.

25 Among the para-phenylenediamines, there may be mentioned more particularly by way of example para-phenylenediamine, para-tolylenediamine, 2-chloro-para-phenylenediamine, 2,3-dimethyl-para-phenylenediamine,

2,6-dimethyl-para-phenylenediamine, 2,6-diethyl-para-phenylenediamine, 2,5-dimethyl-para-phenylenediamine, N,N-dimethyl-para-phenylenediamine, N,N-diethyl-para-phenylenediamine, N,N-dipropyl-para-phenylenediamine,

5 4-amino-N,N-diethyl-3-methylaniline, N,N-bis(β-hydroxyethyl)-para-phenylenediamine, 4-N,N-bis(β-hydroxyethyl)amino-2-methylaniline, 4-N,N-bis(β-hydroxyethyl)amino-2-chloroaniline, 2-β-hydroxyethyl-para-phenylenediamine, 2-fluoro-para-phenylenediamine,

10 2-isopropyl-para-phenylenediamine, N-(β-hydroxypropyl)-para-phenylenediamine, 2-hydroxymethyl-para-phenylenediamine, N,N-dimethyl-3-methyl-para-phenylenediamine, N,N-(ethyl-β-hydroxyethyl)-para-phenylenediamine, N-(β,γ-dihydroxypropyl)-para-phenylenediamine, N-(4'-aminophenyl)-para-phenylenediamine, N-phenyl-para-phenylenediamine, 2-β-hydroxyethoxy-para-phenylenediamine, 2-β-acetylaminoethoxy-para-phenylenediamine, N-(β-methoxyethyl)-para-phenylenediamine, and their addition salts with an

15 acid.

Among the para-phenylenediamines mentioned hereinabove, there are most particularly preferred para-phenylenediamine, para-tolylenediamine, 2-isopropyl-para-phenylenediamine, 2-β-hydroxyethyl-para-phenylenediamine, 2,6-dimethyl-para-phenylenediamine, 2,6-diethyl-para-phenylenediamine, 2,3-dimethyl-para-phenylenediamine, N,N-bis(β-hydroxyethyl)-para-

phenylenediamine, 2-chloro-para-phenylenediamine, 2- β -acetylaminoethoxy-para-phenylenediamine, and their addition salts with an acid.

Among the bisphenylalkylenediamines, there

5 may be mentioned more particularly by way of example N,N'-bis(β -hydroxyethyl)-N,N'-bis(4'-aminophenyl)-1,3-diaminopropanol, N,N'-bis(β -hydroxyethyl)-N,N'-bis(4'-aminophenyl)ethylenediamine, N,N'-bis(4-aminophenyl)-tetramethylenediamine, N,N'-bis(β -hydroxyethyl)-N,N'-
10 bis(4-aminophenyl)tetramethylenediamine, N,N'-bis(4-methylaminophenyl)tetramethylenediamine, N,N'-bis(ethyl)-N,N'-bis(4'-amino-3'-methylphenyl)ethylene-diamine, 1,8-bis(2,5-diaminophenoxy)-3,5-dioxaoctane, and their addition salts with an acid.

15 Among the para-aminophenols, there may be mentioned more particularly by way of example para-aminophenol, 4-amino-3-fluorophenol, 4-amino-3-hydroxymethylphenol, 4-amino-2-methylphenol, 4-amino-2-hydroxymethylphenol, 4-amino-2-methoxymethylphenol,
20 4-amino-2-aminomethylphenol, 4-amino-2-(β -hydroxyethylaminomethyl)phenol, 4-amino-2-fluorophenol, and their addition salts with an acid.

Among the ortho-aminophenols, there may be mentioned more particularly by way of example

25 2-aminophenol, 2-amino-5-methylphenol, 2-amino-6-methylphenol, 5-acetamido-2-aminophenol, and their addition salts with an acid.

Among the heterocyclic bases, there may be mentioned more particularly by way of example pyridine derivatives, pyrimidine derivatives and pyrazole derivatives.

5 When they are used, the additional oxidation base(s) preferably represent from 0.0005 to 12% by weight approximately of the total weight of the dyeing composition in accordance with the invention and still more preferably from 0.005 to 6% by weight
10 approximately of this weight.

In general, the addition salts with an acid which can be used in the context of the dyeing compositions of the invention (oxidation bases and couplers) are in particular chosen from hydrochlorides, 15 hydrobromides, sulfates and tartrates, lactates and acetates.

The dyeing composition in accordance with the invention may also contain one or more direct dyes.

The medium appropriate for dyeing (or 20 carrier) of the ready-to-use dyeing composition in accordance with the invention generally consists of water or of a mixture of water and of at least one organic solvent in order to solubilize the compounds which might not be sufficiently soluble in water.

25 The pH of the ready-to-use composition in accordance with the invention is chosen such that the enzymatic activity of the laccase is sufficient. It is generally of between 4 and 11 approximately, and

preferably between 6 and 9 approximately. It can be adjusted to the desired value by means of acidifying or basifying agents commonly used in dyeing keratinous fibers.

5 The ready-to-use dyeing composition in accordance with the invention may also contain various adjuvants conventionally used in compositions for dyeing hair, such as anionic, cationic, nonionic, amphoteric or zwitterionic surfactants or mixtures 10 thereof, polymers, antioxidants, enzymes different from the laccases used in accordance with the invention, such as for example peroxidases or oxidoreductases containing 2 electrons, penetrating agents, sequestering agents, perfumes, buffers, dispersing 15 agents, thickeners, film-forming agents, preservatives, opacifying agents or vitamins.

Of course, persons skilled in the art will be careful to choose this or these optional additional compounds such that the advantageous properties 20 intrinsically attached to the ready-to-use dyeing composition in accordance with the invention are not, or substantially not, impaired by the addition(s) envisaged.

The ready-to-use dyeing composition in 25 accordance with the invention can be provided in various forms, such as in the form of liquids, creams, gels, optionally pressurized, or in any other form appropriate for dyeing keratinous fibers, in particular

human hair. In this case, the 3-methyl-4-aminophenol and, if appropriate, the additional oxidation dyes and the enzyme(s) of laccase type are present in the same ready-to-use composition, and consequently said 5 composition should be free of gaseous oxygen, so as to avoid any premature oxidation of the oxidation dye(s).

The subject of the invention is also a method of dyeing keratinous fibers, and in particular human keratinous fibers such as hair, using the ready-to-use 10 dyeing composition as defined above.

According to this method, at least one ready-to-use dyeing composition as defined above is applied to the fibers for a sufficient time to develop the desired color, after which they are rinsed, optionally 15 washed with shampoo, rinsed again and dried.

The time necessary for the development of the color on the keratinous fibers is generally between 3 and 60 minutes and still more precisely 5 and 40 minutes.

20 According to one particular embodiment of the invention, the method comprises a preliminary step consisting in storing in a separate form, on the one hand, a composition (A) comprising, in a medium appropriate for dyeing, 3-methyl-4-aminophenol and/or 25 at least one of its addition salts with an acid and, on the other hand, a composition (B) containing, in a medium appropriate for dyeing, at least one enzyme of laccase type, and then in mixing them at the time of

use before applying this mixture to the keratinous fibers.

Another subject of the invention is a multi-compartment device or dyeing (kit) or any other multi-compartment packaging system in which a first compartment contains the composition (A) as defined above and a second compartment contains a composition (B) as defined above. These devices may be equipped with a means which makes it possible to deliver the desired mixture to the hair, such as the devices described in Patent FR-2,586,913 in the name of the applicant.

The following examples are intended to illustrate the invention without, however, limiting the scope thereof.

DYEING EXAMPLE

The following dyeing composition was prepared:

-	3-Methyl-4-aminophenol	0.25 g	--
20	- 5-N-(β-Hydroxyethyl)amino-2-methylphenol	0.30 g	
-	Laccase obtained from <i>Rhus vernicifera</i> containing 180 units/mg sold by the company ICN	1.8 g	
-	(C ₈ -C ₁₀)Alkyl polyglucoside in aqueous solution containing 60% of active substance (A.S.), sold under the name ORAMIX CG110® by the company SEPPIC	8.0 g	
-	Ethanol	20	g

- pH agent q.s. pH 6.5
- Demineralized water q.s. for 100 g

The ready-to-use dyeing composition described above was applied to locks of natural gray hair which 5 is 90% white for 40 minutes at a temperature of 30°C. The hair was then rinsed and then dried.

The hair was dyed in a coppery gold shade.

In the dyeing composition described above, the *Rhus vernicifera* laccase at 180 units/mg, sold by 10 the company Sigma, can be replaced by 1.0 g of *Pyricularia orizae* laccase at 100 units/mg sold by the company ICN.

CLAIMS

1. A ready-to-use composition for the oxidation dyeing of keratinous fibers and in particular human keratinous fibers such as hair, which comprises,
5 in a medium appropriate for dyeing:
 - 3-methyl-4-aminophenol and/or at least one of the [sic] its addition salts with an acid, as oxidation base, and
 - at least one enzyme of laccase type.
- 10 2. The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the 3-methyl-4-aminophenol and/or its addition salt(s) with an acid represent from 0.0005 to 12% by weight of the total weight of the dyeing composition.
- 15 3. The composition as claimed in claim 2, wherein the 3-methyl-4-aminophenol and/or its addition salt(s) with an acid represent from 0.005 to 6% by weight of the total weight of the dyeing composition.
- 20 4. The composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the laccase is chosen from laccases of plant origin, animal origin, fungal origin or bacterial origin and from laccases obtained by biotechnology.
- 25 5. The composition as claimed in claim 4, wherein the laccase is of plant origin and is chosen from the laccases present in the extracts of Anacardiaceae, Podocarpaceae, Rosmarinus off., Solanum tuberosum, Iris sp., Coffea sp., Daucus carota, Vinca

minor, *Persea americana*, *Catharenthus roseus*, *Musa* sp.,
Malus pumila, *Ginkgo biloba*, *Monotropa hypopithys*
(Indian pipe), *Aesculus* sp., *Acer pseudoplatanus*,
Prunus persica and *Pistacia palaestina*.

5 6. The composition as claimed in claim 4,
wherein the laccase is of microbial origin or is
obtained by biotechnology.

7. The composition as claimed in claim 6,
wherein the laccase is chosen from the laccases derived
10 from *Polyporus versicolor*, *Rhizoctonia praticola*, *Rhus*
vernicifera, *Scytalidium*, *Polyporus pinsitus*,
Myceliophthora thermophila, *Rhizoctonia solani*,
Pyricularia orizae, *Trametes versicolor*, *Fomes*
fomentarius, *Chaetomium thermophile*, *Neurospora crassa*,
15 *Coriolus versicol*, *Botrytis cinerea*, *Rigidoporus*
lignosus, *Phellinus noxius*, *Pleurotus ostreatus*,
Aspergillus nidulans, *Podospora anserina*, *Agaricus*
bisporus, *Ganoderma lucidum*, *Glomerella cingulata*,
Lactarius piperatus, *Russula delica*, *Heterobasidion*
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annosum, *Thelephora terrestris*, *Cladosporium*
cladosporioides, *Cerrena unicolor*, *Coriolus hirsutus*,
Ceriporiopsis subvermispora, *Coprinus cinereus*,
Panaeolus papilionaceus, *Panaeolus sphinctrinus*,
Schizophyllum commune, *Dichomitus squalens* and
25 variants thereof.

8. The composition as claimed in any one of
the preceding claims, wherein the quantity of

laccase(s) is between 0.5 and 200 Lacu per 100 g of dyeing composition.

9. The composition as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, which contains one or more 5 couplers chosen from meta-phenylenediamines, meta-aminophenols, meta-diphenols and heterocyclic couplers.

10. The composition as claimed in claim 9, wherein the couplers are chosen from 2-methyl-5-aminophenol, 5-N-(β -hydroxyethyl)amino-2-methylphenol, 10 3-aminophenol, 1,3-dihydroxybenzene, 1,3-dihydroxy-2-methylbenzene, 4-chloro-1,3-dihydroxybenzene, 2,4-diamino-1-(β -hydroxyethoxy)benzene, 2-amino-4-N-(β -hydroxyethyl)amino-1-methoxybenzene, 1,3-diaminobenzene, 1,3-bis(2,4-diaminophenoxy)propane, 15 sesamol, α -naphthol, 6-hydroxyindole, 4-hydroxyindole, 4-hydroxy-N-methylindole, 6-hydroxyindoline, 2,6-dihydroxy-4-methylpyridine, 1-H-3-methylpyrazole-5-one, 1-phenyl-3-methylpyrazole-5-one, 2,6-dimethyl-pyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole, 2,6-dimethyl[3,2-c]- 20 1,2,4-triazole, 6-methylpyrazolo[1,5-a]benzimidazole, and their addition salts with an acid.

11. The composition as claimed in claim 9 or 10, wherein the coupler(s) represent from 0.0001 to 8% by weight of the total weight of the dyeing 25 composition.

12. The composition as claimed in claim 11, wherein the coupler(s) represent from 0.005 to 5% by weight of the total weight of the dyeing composition.

13. The composition as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, which contains at least one additional oxidation base chosen from para-phenylenediamines, double bases, para-aminophenols, 5 ortho-aminophenols and heterocyclic oxidation bases.

14. The composition as claimed in claim 13, wherein the additional oxidation base(s) represent from 0.0005 to 12% by weight of the total weight of the dyeing composition.

10 15. The composition as claimed in claim 14, wherein the additional oxidation base(s) represent from 0.005 to 6% by weight of the total weight of the dyeing composition.

16. The composition as claimed in any one of 15 the preceding claims, wherein the addition salts with an acid are chosen from hydrochlorides, hydrobromides, sulfates and tartrates, lactates and acetates.

17. The composition as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the medium appropriate 20 for dyeing consists of water or of a mixture of water and at least one organic solvent.

18. The composition as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, which has a pH of [lacuna] 4 and 11.

25 19. A method of dyeing keratinous fibers, and in particular human keratinous fibers such as hair, which comprises the application of at least one ready-to-use dyeing composition as defined in any one of the

preceding claims to said fibers for a sufficient time to develop the desired color.

20. The method as claimed in claim 19, which comprises a preliminary step consisting in storing in a 5 separate form, on the one hand, a composition (A) comprising, in a medium appropriate for dyeing, 3-methyl-4-aminophenol and/or at least one of its addition salts with an acid, as oxidation base, and, on the other hand, a composition (B) containing, in a 10 medium appropriate for dyeing, at least one laccase enzyme, and then in mixing them at the time of use before applying this mixture to the keratinous fibers.

21. A multicompartment device or dyeing "kit", which comprises a first compartment containing 15 the composition (A) as defined in claim 20 and a second compartment containing the composition (B) as defined in claim 20.

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